

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Algerian rebel proposal shows progress

Premier Ben Khedda appears to be offering De Gaulle an immediate settlement in return for abandonment of the latter's insistence on self-determination. First French reaction has been good, we suspect because the secret talks held in recent weeks have achieved a good measure of agreement, particularly on the future of the Sahara. The cart may well be upset, however, by OAS action or by the Moslem demonstrations planned for next Wednesday.

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2. Disorders in Bolivia

Rioting in La Paz, which has been building up since last Friday, has forced the government to alert military units, mobilize civilian militia, and to permit security forces to fire on mobs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] describes the situation as "chaotic, with everybody wanting to fight everybody else." President Paz's government has so far not been in danger, but the possibility of leftist revolutionary action increases as the disorders continue.

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3. Soviet Party Congress

Indications of Sino-Soviet difficulties over Albania continue to accumulate. Although Soviet officials have said

[redacted] Chou En-lai will be back in Moscow in four days, we have now learned that Peng Chen, acting head of the Chinese delegation, is "visiting Leningrad" and both Ho Chi-minh and Kim Il-sung, who have not supported the Soviet position on Albania, are also out of Moscow.

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